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**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5422

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION  
STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the 2010 supplement to  
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (d) (1) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
7 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant  
8 program to provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs for  
9 eligible children who reside (A) in an area served by a priority school  
10 or a former priority school as provided for in subdivision (2) of this  
11 subsection, (B) in a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are ranked  
12 in ascending order according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision  
13 (26) of section 10-262f, whose school district is not a priority school  
14 district pursuant to section 10-266p, or (C) in a town formerly a town  
15 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as provided for in

16 said subdivision (2). A town in which a priority school is located, a  
17 regional school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section  
18 10-16r, for a region in which such a school is located or a town  
19 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision may apply for such a  
20 grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred seven thousand dollars  
21 per priority school or town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-  
22 year period based on an applicant's designation as having a priority  
23 school or being a town described in subparagraph (B) of this  
24 subdivision for the initial year of application. Grant awards shall be  
25 made annually contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory  
26 annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the  
27 superintendent of schools of the school district or the regional school  
28 readiness council shall submit a plan, as described in subsection (c) of  
29 this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the Department  
30 of Education. In awarding grants pursuant to this subsection, the  
31 commissioner shall give preference to applications submitted by  
32 regional school readiness councils and may, within available  
33 appropriations, provide a grant in excess of one hundred seven  
34 thousand dollars to towns with two or more priority schools in such  
35 district. A town or regional school readiness council awarded a grant  
36 pursuant to this subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for  
37 such children from providers of accredited school readiness programs.

38 (2) (A) [Commencing] Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of  
39 this subdivision, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,  
40 if a town received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection  
41 and is no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive  
42 a phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal  
43 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
44 this subsection.

45 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as  
46 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town  
47 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in  
48 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant  
49 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of

50 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the  
51 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final  
52 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that  
53 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received  
54 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to  
55 subdivision (1) of this subsection; (iii) for the third fiscal year following  
56 the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to  
57 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed  
58 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the  
59 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
60 this subsection.

61 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year  
62 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph  
63 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June  
64 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if  
65 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to said  
66 subparagraph (B)."